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State Level Cash Rents Increase

Maryland 2005 state-level cash rents for cropland increased an average of \$3.00 per acre, over 2004, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. The average cash rent for cropland was \$62.00 per acre in 2005. Since 2001, average cash rents paid per acre have increased nearly 12 percent.

Reported cash rents were highest on the Eastern Shore and North Central Maryland with lower rates reported in Southern and Western Maryland. Queen Anne's County had the highest average rent per acre at \$90.47, followed by Kent and Harford, both at \$83.08. Allegany County farmers reported the lowest rent at \$28.96, followed by Charles at \$35.08, and St. Mary's at \$37.78.

Maryland Cropland Cash Rents by County

County	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Allegany	36.26	32.34	28.00	29.56	28.96
Anne Arundel	47.41	42.58	52.50	55.81	49.18
Baltimore	64.47	61.87	60.28	66.96	68.08
Calvert	43.53	39.78	26.40	42.01	44.06
Caroline	62.23	65.64	74.66	73.67	81.26
Carroll	59.05	57.68	63.04	65.38	63.57
Cecil	60.58	68.28	61.74	71.52	72.31
Charles	35.57	39.61	30.95	36.11	35.08
Dorchester	73.58	67.50	62.72	76.94	81.56
Frederick	53.03	59.97	50.57	55.55	56.22
Garrett	29.92	26.94	31.97	39.42	39.55
Harford	68.04	75.21	74.50	79.02	83.08
Howard	51.67	50.58	49.52	66.18	54.44
Kent	79.49	82.16	85.33	79.44	83.08
Montgomery	45.69	47.71	50.94	56.75	60.73
Prince George's	35.88	39.26	33.82	46.24	50.85
Queen Anne's	74.65	73.39	83.40	90.10	90.47
St. Mary's	30.69	34.08	30.00	35.45	37.78
Somerset	62.18	66.85	61.46	70.16	62.57
Talbot	78.32	69.77	78.40	78.29	76.71
Washington	55.13	55.57	54.77	62.30	59.96
Wicomico	58.65	53.91	58.56	65.74	71.45
Worcester	70.54	65.84	73.08	76.51	75.04
State Average	\$55.50	\$55.50	\$55.50	\$59.00	\$62.00